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Follow up

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Hi Jenni,

Following up, please let me know if the students are back at it on the data. They tell me they have been working on it.

What I was hoping to communicate in our call was that I intervened in person with them before I even received your first email.

They approached me about your texted concern and quickly acknowledged they'd missed a week. They were planning, they said, to resume the work, but not during the normal meeting time you had with them.

Your initial email talked about me immediately disciplining them, and that's a different matter than getting them going. We're getting into human resources territory there, and that requires a process and some fact gathering, as I mentioned.

They do have serious concerns about the particulars of the assignment, the methodology, pitfalls with collecting it accurately, and they feel it is open-ended to the point that it could never be finished. That appears to be a big part of their hesitation, and I've encouraged them to discuss it with you or discuss it again as the case may be.

At this point, I've advised them to concentrate on catching up on the data work instead of spending time on a story pitch that likely would not have time to come to fruition.

Anyway, please let me know where things stand with Jenn and Aly.

If this is back on track, I hope we can turn to talking again about your project! I know you're on another fact-gathering mission, and talking to potential publishers, and I'm excited to hear the latest.

On a housekeeping note, your expenses should be entered into the accounting system as soon as possible given the calendar. You had mentioned a student doing it, but employees/fellows enter their own expenses. I did talk to Michelle about this, and we both felt that was especially appropriate here given the complexity level of multiple funders and trying to reconstruct eight months of expenses after the fact.

See you soon,

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